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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY March 10, 2004

Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: Ex Parte Notice in CS Docket Nos. 98-120 and 00-96

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On March 9, 2004, Jonathan Blake and Jennifer Johnson, counsel for the NBC Television Affiliates and for the CBS Television Network Affiliates Association, met with Catherine Bohigian, Legal Advisor to Commissioner Martin. During this meeting, representatives discussed digital multicast carriage requirements, including the importance of ensuring that consumers get the maximum benefit from DTV and that innovative multicast services have the opportunity to flourish. Mr. Blake and Ms. Johnson also discussed the importance of ensuring that the digital services provided to the public are not degraded by cable.

Pursuant to Section 1.1206(b) of the Commission's Rules, an original and three copies of this letter (two copies for each docket number) are being submitted to the Secretary's office, with a copy to Catherine Bohigian.

Please direct any questions to the undersigned.

Sincerely,


Jennifer Johnson

cc: Catherine Bohigian, Esq.